

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable David E. Price
Chair
Subcommittee on Transportation, and
Housing and Urban Development, and
Related Agencies
2358-A Rayburn House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, and
Housing and Urban Development, and
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1036 Longworth House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chair Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart,

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2022 Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you consider providing \$750,000 for the construction of an emergency shelter for homeless men by the Catholic Charities of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, NY, located at 1654 West Onondaga Street, Syracuse, New York 13204. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would provide critical shelter and services to vulnerable individuals throughout Central New York.

The proposed project would address significant housing needs in our community, while also providing necessary health and mental health services to homeless individuals. Specifically, this project would involve the establishment of a Catholic Charities Housing Services Center, including 80 beds for homeless men, 6 apartments for frail homeless men, integrated on-site health and mental health services, and office space for approximately 40 professional staff members.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Furthermore, I am not aware of any other Member of Congress submitting a request for this purpose.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Katko", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Katko
Member of Congress